

# AUGUST 2025

## Highlights:

- August 7: Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo
- August 8: State Fair Entry Forms DUE by 5 pm
- August 16: State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
- August 23: State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
- September 1: Office Closed- Labor Day
- September 2-4: State Fair Entry Drop-off
- September 5-14: Kansas State Fair

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# Shawnee County 4-H *Chatterbox*

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## Dates to Remember:

- **August 8: State Fair Entry Forms DUE**
- **August 14: Events Council Meeting**
- **September 1: Office Closed for Labor Day**
- **September 2-4: State Fair project drop-off at office**
- **September 5-14: Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson**

**Please send Chatterbox submissions to Lisa and Grace by August 26**

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## A Word From Your Agent...

Happy August everyone! I hope you have all rested and recovered from the fair. I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers, superintendents, sponsors, and families for all of your hard work and dedication to make the fair happen!! So many people went above and beyond this year, and we really can't put on a fair without your help. It was a really wonderful fair, and I look forward to doing it again with you next year!

Since we have gratitude on our minds, make sure you are writing thank you notes! A handwritten note to a sponsor, superintendent, or volunteer goes a long way toward assuring that they continue to give to Shawnee County 4-H, as well as centers your mind around the larger picture of what all goes into making the fair happen. If you are unsure of who to write thank you notes to, please reach out to the extension office and we can point you in the right direction!

State fair entries are due to the extension office by 5 pm on August 8th. You can find the entry form here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/>. We will be taking your projects down to Hutchinson this year on Thursday, September 4th. All static exhibits should be dropped off at the office during business hours on September 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3rd, or between 7:30-7:50 am on the 4th. Because the space in the van is limited, you will need to make your own arrangements for projects that are larger than a geology box. If you need to check if your project qualified, or need help with your entry form, please reach out!

## Changes to 4-H Online Messaging

The 4-H Online broadcast system will no longer allow us to send text message notifications when we send emails. If you would like to be signed up for text messages about county events and activities, please join our county-wide GroupMe here:

[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/102815469/5JDLs55L](https://groupme.com/join_group/102815469/5JDLs55L)

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## County Notes

### Upcoming Opportunities to Promote 4-H

There are 2 events coming up for 4-H promotion:

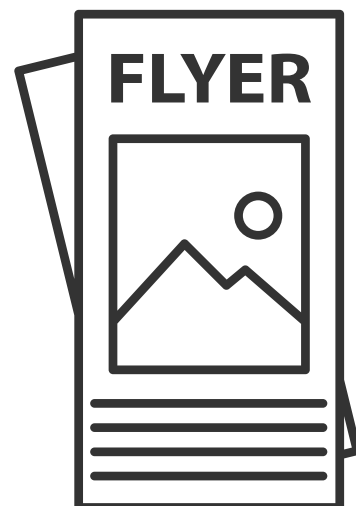
- Wildly Creative at the Topeka Zoo, August 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM-2:00 PM, Topeka Zoo
- TPS 501 Family Fitness Fun Night, September 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Hummer Sports Park

If you are able to help with all or a portion of either of these events, please contact the office. 4-Hers who are involved in or interested in the Ambassador program are encouraged to attend to help with promoting 4-H!

### Promotional Materials Available

If your club is having a table at an upcoming event, such as National Night Out, Back to School nights, or other events and you would like flyers promoting Shawnee County 4-H, please reach out to Grace or Lisa! We do need a few days notice, so please keep that in mind.

Enrollment for the new 4-H year opens October 1<sup>st</sup> so now is a great time to recruit new members and volunteers!



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## Livestock Corner

August 15: Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) Entries Due

August 23-24: Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September 5-6: State Fair Grand Drive

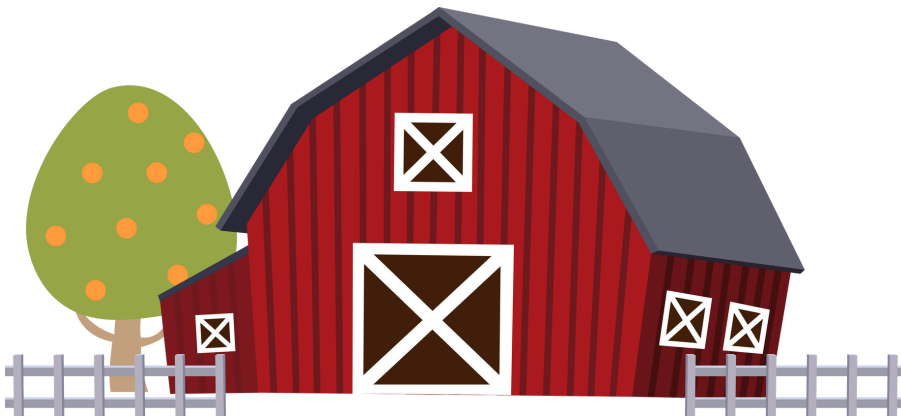
October 3-5: Kansas Junior Livestock Show



## Fair Board Note

The fair is over, now is the time to join us in planning next year's fair. Please know that our meetings are open to all and that if you would like to volunteer for next year's fair it starts with the meeting on August 26, 2025 @ 7 pm. Join us!

-Larry Wehner, President  
Shawnee County Fairboard



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## State News

### Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

There's still time to register for the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo!

Details and the registration link are at: [Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo](#)



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## Kansas 4-H WHEAT EXPO

This event is open to all 4-H & FFA members, Family Members, 4-H Leaders, Vocational Education Staff and Extension Staff.

**Thursday, August 7, 2025**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

- South Hutchinson Community Center  
101 W. Avenue C, South Hutchinson, KS
- \$15/person registration payable at the door
- Includes lunch, tours, wheat judging, food contest, photography contest and judging contest!

### Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council



APPLY FOR THE KANSAS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TODAY

**K-STATE**  
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Youth Leadership Council

The Kansas 4-H Youth Council and National 4-H Conference Applications are open! Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for National 4-H Conference.

Learn more at

<https://kansas4h.org/.../teen.../youth-leadership-council/>

**The deadline will be October 1, 2025.**



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## Club Chatter

### Rossville Rustlers

The Rossville Rustlers club held their July meeting at the Wood's residence. The members enjoyed the pool, trampolines and a cookout prior to the meeting. During the meeting the members discussed the upcoming fair and honored long-time leader Ann Foster.



### Silver Lake



Silver Lake 4-H Club met at Rossville Community Swimming pool on Sunday, July 13, and this last week several members decorated a haybale, entered numerous projects, and participated in several shows at the Shawnee County Fair. The Silver Lake 4-H club helped organize and run the Snack Shack along with Paw Prints and the manager during the fair. The next Silver Lake 4-H Club meeting will be on August 10th at 2 pm at Silver Lake United Methodist Church.

– Clara Thomas

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## Bunny Bunch

The 2025 Shawnee County Fair has come to an end and what fun was had!

There were 38 rabbits with 7 Exhibitors this year.

Here are the results for the rabbit project and Bunny Bunch 4-H club: Best in show Haley T.- Jersey Wooly; Reserve in Show Jake L.- Mini Rex; 2nd Reserve in Show Kierstyn T.- Tan. Congratulations to everyone and all your achievements.

See you next year.

-Brooklynn Powell



## Grove

In July before the fair's busy time took over, Grove 4-H held our July meeting and then swam at the Rossville Pool. It was good to spend time with friends before fair.

Our group had a good fair! It was fun hanging out with friends for 4 days and seeing the work they all did. We'd like to thank all the volunteers, 4-H staff, fair board, and others who make our fair possible.

-Chance Nolte





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## Shawnee County 4-H Calendar

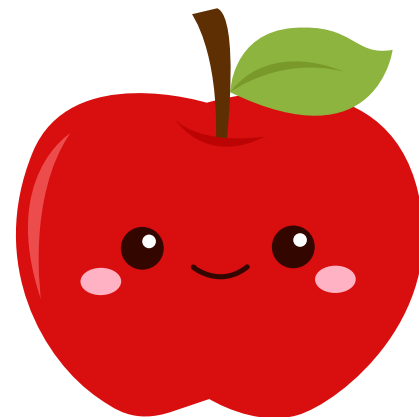
### August 2025

4 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
 7 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo, Hutchinson  
**8 State Fair Entry Forms Due to Office by 5 pm**  
 14 4-H Events Council Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
 15 Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entries Due  
 16 State 4-H Horticulture Judging, Manhattan  
 20 Livestock Committee Meeting, Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 pm  
 23 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan  
 25 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
 26 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm  
**Chatterbox Submissions Due**  
 27 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm



### September 2025

1 Bunny Bunch Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
 4 4-H Exchange, Farm Bureau Building, 7 pm  
**5-14 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson**  
 17 Livestock Committee Meeting, Downstairs Conference Room, 7:15 pm  
 22 Paw Prints Dog Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
 23 Shawnee County Fair Board, EMR, 7 pm  
 25 Horse Club Meeting, EMR, 7 pm  
**26 Record Books due to Extension Office by 5 PM**  
**Chatterbox Submissions Due**  
 30 End of 4-H Year



EMR= Extension Meeting Room  
at Extension Office

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All dates and activities are subject to change.